

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An outrigger comprising a plurality of telescoping tubes capable of being retracted and extended with respect to one another, and further comprising at least one outer tube and one
5 inner tube;

a sleeve juxtaposed between the inner and outer tubes; said sleeve having a first longitudinally extending tracking means thereon;

said tubes having second longitudinal tracking means thereon coacting with said first tracking means to permit the tubes to be retracted and extended, while preventing substantial
10 relative rotation therebetween; and

locking means to lock the tubes in an extended position.

2. The outrigger of Claim 1 wherein the outer tube has an inwardly and longitudinally extending protrusion;

the sleeve has a longitudinally extending groove co-acting with said protrusion;

15 the sleeve has an inwardly and longitudinally extending protrusion;

the inner tube has a longitudinally extending groove co-acting with the protrusion on the sleeve;

the inner tube has a inwardly and longitudinally extending protrusion; and

the locking means further comprises a retainer having a longitudinally extending groove
20 therein co-acting with the protrusion on the inner tube to prevent substantial rotation therebetween; and

the retainer, the tubes and the sleeve have transfer holes therein which are aligned in at least

one extended condition; and

the retainer has a hole therein in which there was positioned a spring-biased button biased to extend through said holes in said extended condition.

3. The outrigger of Claim 2 wherein fastening means are provided to permit retention and
5 disengagement of the retainer within said inner tube.

4. The outrigger of Claim 2 wherein fastening means are provided to permit retention and disengagement of the retainer with said sleeve.

5. The outrigger of Claim 1 wherein a guide means is provided on said outer tube co-acting with said inner tube to guide said inner tube during extension and retraction.

10 6. The outrigger of Claim 5 wherein said guide means comprises a washer mounted on the end of said outer tube by means of a guide ring fastened to said outer tube and provided with means for disengagement from said outer tube whereby said tubes may be retained in their assembled condition and also disassembled.

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